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In re the PATENT application of

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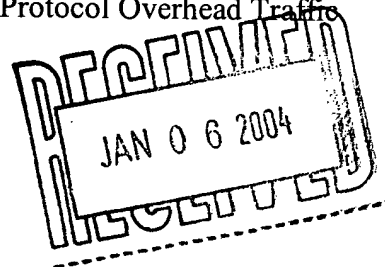
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For: Method and Apparatus for Communication Network Cluster Formation and
Transmission of Node Link Status Messages with Reduced Protocol Overhead Traffic

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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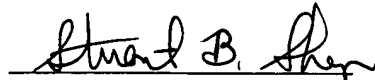
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is a Preliminary Amendment (6 Pages), an Information Disclosure Statement (3 Pages), Form PTO/SB/08A (3 Pages), Copies of 15 Non-Patent Literature Documents, and Check No. 7356 in the amount of \$528.00 for payment of the excess claim fees calculated as shown below.

	NO. OF CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	68	- 53 =	15	x \$18.00	270.00
Independent Claims	9	- 6 =	3	x \$86.00	258.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00					528.00
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims Small Entity Status (subtract 50% of Total Application Fee)					
Other fees:					
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$528.00

However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required for the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

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